GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRE SCREENING DEVICES AT MAJOR CONTAINER PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government on installing hi-tech pre- screening devices at major container ports in the country;

(b) whether assistance would be taken in planning and implementation of the devices;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the list of ports in India where these hi-tech pre-screening devices are likely to be installed?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) : A pilot project has been undertaken with the installation and commissioning of one Mobile Gamma Ray container scanner at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, Mumbai w.e.f. 29.3.2004.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. The technical assistance has been sought from experts from the Department of Atomic Energy.

(d): The list of ports in India where these truck/ container scanning systems are likely to be installed in the first phase is as under:-

i. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Nhava Sheva, Mumbai;
ii. Kolkata Port Trust;
iii. Delhi Inland Container Depot (ICD);
iv Mumbai Port Trust; and
v. Chennai Port Trust.